

REMARKS

Applicants note that a Preliminary Amendment was filed on July 23, 2003 in which claims 1-12 were indicated as pending and claims 13-50 were canceled as non-elected subject matter. Thus, this restriction requirement is moot. However, in response to the restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-12, Group 1. Applicants have canceled claims 13-50 without prejudice. Claim 12 has been amended. Claims 51-52 have been added. Support for these claims can be found in the original claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at (713)651-5407 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10020446 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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